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MISS SANTA CLARA COMPETITION – JANUARY 12th

SANTA CLARA, CALIF. – August 30, 2007 – The Miss Santa Clara Competition, an official preliminary of the Miss America and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Programs, will showcase the talents and accomplishments of local college, high school and junior high school students in our community. Young women must live, work, or attend school in the city of Santa Clara. This year, two competitions will be held concurrently – the Miss Santa Clara Competition (for women ages 17-24) and the Miss Santa Clara's Outstanding Teen Competition (for girls ages 13-16). Contestants will compete in Interview, On-Stage Question, Physical Fitness, Talent and Evening Wear categories.

The deadline to enter is Saturday, November 17th. A mandatory requirement of competing is attendance at one contestant orientation. The contestant orientations will be held at the Henry Schmidt Park Building on the corner of Los Padres Boulevard and Saratoga Avenue. Orientation dates are: Saturday, November 3rd and Saturday, November 17th from 3:30-5pm.

The Miss Santa Clara Auxiliary will award over \$15,000 in educational scholarships. The funds will be distributed to the winners, runners-up, and other contestants who win special awards, including Top Interview and Miss Congeniality. ALL contestants are guaranteed a minimum scholarship regardless of their standing at the end of the competition. There is no fee to enter the competition.

The year's competition will once again feature Miss Santa Clara Princesses, for girls ages 5-12. Every princess will receive a sash and tiara and will be the stars of a production number choreographed by Santa Clara's own Miss Linnea.

More information can be found at <u>www.misssantaclara.org</u>. To R.S.V.P. to attend an orientation, contact Linnea Sheehy, executive director, at 836-7719 or by email at misslinneadance@sbcglobal.net.